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PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is contemplating about inviting private investment for the purpose of implementing many programmes in social sector included under the Common Minimum Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the basis of selection of such programmes;

(d) whether the Government is considering the likelihood of the poor being deprived of services of these programmes as a result of the services becoming costlier after the implementation of this policy; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): The Union Government encourages Public-Private Participation in social sector programmes only to the extent such participation improves the effectiveness of the programmes.

(d) and (e): The focus of most of the social sector programmes is on the poor and as such there is no question of the poor being deprived of the benefits of the government programmes.